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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: Applications by T-Mobile and AT&T for consent to merge (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am a state representative from Rio Rancho and a high school teacher as well. I am writing in support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, as I believe it will expand educational opportunities for residents of New Mexico.

As an education advocate in the legislature, I believe the merger will help bring more opportunities to educators and students. With increased broadband services, New Mexico's students and teachers will have greater access to online resources such as databases, archives and distance-learning courses. Both national and global educational institutions will be at their virtual fingertips with real-time video conferencing, news and e-mail updates.

With historical and scientific data going digital, a new era of communications is emerging, which students of all ages should be able to access. Keeping up with cutting-edge technology will help bolster learning opportunities by exposing students to information from around the world and nation.

The AT&T merger with T-mobile will increase the number of New Mexico schools that have access to competitive wireless options. The merger will expand AT&T 4G LTE coverage to more than 93 percent of New Mexico residents. Greater access to AT&T's 4G LTE network will help our students become leaders both at home and abroad.

I urge your approval of the merger.

Sincerely,

Rep. Tim Lewis
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